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SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS URGES APPROPRIATION OF \$7.8 MILLION FOR HUBERT HUMPHREY COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER URGENT CARE EXPANSION

Another step forward for health care in the Second District

LOS ANGELES — Continuing his efforts to improve the delivery of healthcare services in the District and the County, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today publically supported the Board of Supervisor's appropriation of \$7,836,000 for the establishment of the Hubert H. Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center Urgent Care Expansion.

The proposed Humphrey Urgent Care Expansion Project includes upgrades to promote a more efficient operation, including the following:

- Expansion of the waiting room;
- Remodel of the exam room spaces to improve patient flow;
- Remodel of the phlebotomy stations;
- Domestic water re-piping, replacement of a chiller to provide reliable cooling and a safe/comfortable environment for patients and staff;
- Upgrades to the existing security office;
- Addition of a chemical fire suppression system in the main information technology room;
- Parking deck to accommodate the increased urgent care capacity.

Since he took office in December 2008, the Supervisor hit the ground running on his promise to Second District residents to provide an array of quality health services and facilities, including the opening of a new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital Medical Center.

Marking the first of many important milestones for the region, the Supervisor joined community leaders and stakeholders on June 11 to break ground on the South Health Center, a \$20 million project that will provide a number of vital public health services in the Second District.

One of several new capital investments for the region, the new MLK Medical Center will create over 10,000 new jobs, along with construction of the South Health Center, Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Rosa Parks Station.

"The County's primary goal is to provide the highest quality of patient care in compassionate, culturally competent, state-of-the-art facilities," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

The Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center is an existing 143,000-square-foot building which was constructed in 1976. The facility currently operates as a satellite clinic within the Harbor-UCLA Metro Care service area delivering health care to the local community.

On July 8, 2008, the Board approved much needed upgrades to the existing first floor entrance and lobby, second floor waiting area, cafeteria, exterior facade, exterior lighting, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to all restrooms, parking areas, and sidewalks.

Approximately 80 percent of the work on the lobby entrance area and waiting rooms are complete, with upgrades of the restrooms scheduled for completion in October 2010.

The Supervisor emphasized that there will be no significant impact on current services during construction of the Humphrey Urgent Care Expansion, adding that the facility will remain fully operational during the construction process.

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